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SUBJECT: STEPHEN P. COHEN: TRAVEL ONLY GRANT, 1977-78
SENIOR FULBRIGHT-HAYS NOMINEE

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1. DEPARTMENT CONCURS WITH EMBASSY AND USEF/P POSITION
OUTLINED REFTTEL. CIES HAS CONTACTED COHEN SUGGESTING
HE REQUEST FORD FOUNDATION ASSISTANCE IN REQUESTING GOP
CLEARANCE FOR PROJECT, WHICH WE BELIEVE MOST REASONABLE
APPROACH IN VIEW OF FACT HIS RESEARCH IN PAKISTAN TO BE
SUPPORTED BY FORD AND CLEARANCE UNDER THIS OPTION WOULD BE
REQUESTED FROM PRIVATE ORGANIZATION RATHER THAN
GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED BINATIONAL FOUNDATION. WE NOT CERTAIN
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WHETHER DIRECT APPROACH BY COHEN TO PAKISTAN EMBASSY
WASHINGTON LIKELY TO BE FRUITFUL, BUT WILL CONSIDER
ATTEMPTING DISCREET INQUIRIES IF NECESSARY.

2. DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT, AS RESULT OF
SERIES OF CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN CU/NEA, POST

AND USEF/P, NO RPT NO FUNDS FOR U.S. RESEARCH SCHOLAR CATEGORY NOW INCLUDED IN FY-77 PAKISTAN PROGRAM. DEPARTMENT QUITE AWARE OF COHEN'S IMPRESSIVE CREDENTIALS AND WE ARE, AS ALWAYS, PREPARED TO CONSIDER POST AND/OR USEF/P JUSTIFICATION FOR CHANGE IN PROGRAM. NONETHELESS, WE

BELIEVE DECISION TO ELIMINATE U.S. RESEARCH SCHOLAR PROGRAM, AT LEAST ON TRIAL BASIS, WAS ARRIVED AT AS RESULT OF CAREFUL MUTUAL CONSIDERATION AND THAT ONLY EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD JUSTIFY EXCEPTION IN COHEN'S CASE.

3. FYI, CIES WAS ADVISED SEVERAL MONTHS AGO THAT WE INTENDED TO ELIMINATE U.S. RESEARCH SCHOLAR GRANTS FOR 1977 PROGRAM. HOWEVER, AS RESULT OF EXPERIENCE WITH KOCHANNEK APPLICATION LAST YEAR, CIES BULLETIN FOR 1977 LISTED FOR PAKISTAN "POSSIBILITY OF RESEARCH SCHOLAR GRANTS." COHEN APPLICATION SUBSEQUENTLY RECEIVED AND SCREENED BY CIES AND FORWARDED SIMULTANEOUSLY TO USEF/P AND CU/NEA. WE HAVE SINCE CONFIRMED WITH CIES THAT WE DO NOT PRESENTLY INTEND TO FUND U.S. RESEARCH GRANT FOR 1977.

4. WILL ADVISE OF ANY FEEDBACK FROM COHEN ON HIS APPROACH TO FORD FOUNDATION. MEANWHILE, WOULD APPRECIATE POST AND USEF/P VIEWS ON PARA 2 ABOVE.
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